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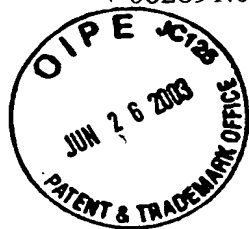
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RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.111

In response to the Office Action mailed April 25, 2003 Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the following comments as set forth below. No amendments have been made.